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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Strategic Force Program

Here is the latest on the strategic force decision. The four-page Key Judgments is a good beginning. I would think the judgments should be shorter and snappier and more snugly fitted in terms of how the Soviets perceive their relationship to and how their problems would be accentuated by the U.S. decisions.

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1. The President will announce on Friday a strategic force program which will involve:

- A limited number of MX missiles in TITAN silos.
- Upgrading the MINUTEMAN in their silos.
- Deferral of further MX basing until results of further research on missile defense.
- Go ahead on common missile.
- Go ahead on B-1.
- Go ahead on TRIDENT and new sea-based missile.
- Increase in cruise missile and accelerate modifying B-52s to carry missiles.

2. Cap will send over the specifics as soon as ready. A press conference is scheduled for Friday.

3. Significant in arriving at these decisions were these intelligence judgments reflected in the work done during the summer and now going through the Community.

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